



## WORK AND INCOME

**C**andle production in Kathmandu, Nepal, is an income generation project for stable MMT-patients.

Incoming generation is a necessary step to resocialize drug users. Because of the lack of skills, simple steps are necessary to learn working processes again (or first time).

Hereby real sencefull work and earning money is an important issue.

After the starting period, the project will be self financed by sales of the locally produced candles. Sustainability is a must for WKF-projects!



Nepali handmade candles



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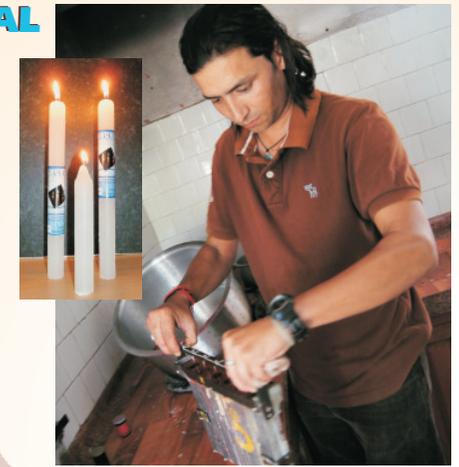
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## Project LIGHT

with Methadone User

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Support economic rehabilitation of methadone users

Provide social support

Liberate from marginalisation





## PROJECT LIGHT



## SHARAN



## LIGHT UP THE FUTURE

**T**he CANDLE PROJECT is an income generation activity for stable Methadone Maintenance Treated (MMT) people in Pokhara, Nepal.

Even MMT is a successful treatment program in Nepal, life is not easy for methadone patients. Stigmatization of methadone patients as normal addicts and the lack of support services are the reasons.

The CANDLE PROJECT is the only one of its kind on-site. Most of the methadone patients have no jobs nor a daily income. Because of the addiction most of them have not learned a profession yet.

The CANDLE PROJECT started in Nepal to give these people the opportunity to create their livelihoods. The production of candles needs only simple training, time, simple and inexpensive tools and the willingness to make good products.

Different kinds of candles are produced for different markets in Pokhara. One is the local market dominated by Chinese and Indian products and the other one are the local tourists.

**S**HARAN, a Nepali Christian NGO, is leading the project in Nepal. WKF is financing the investment and start of the project with founding of the German company Compware Medical.

MANISH, another Nepali NGO, Pokhara, is responsible for implementing the project in Pokhara. This means organizing trainings, creating schedules, production and accounting.

In the first step the project stagnates due to the lack of marketing and selling experience. In the second step MANISH got support in marketing and selling through the German partners.

After stabilising the success, the project shall be copied to other sites in Nepal with the target selling to international tourists.

## Objectives:

- Create income generating opportunities for stable MMT patients and their families
- Learning the means of production
- Family reintegration
- Help them retain in the treatment



The cooling process of just made candles in water



Handmade candle production in Pokhara



Packaging the candles for sale

